

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	16 February 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Secret Plot Deep Number 2
Other Known Titles:	Secret Plot Deep
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Eros Comix
Author:	Newmen
Format:	Comic
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The comic entitled *Secret Plot Deep Number 2* also known as *Secret Plot Deep* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The comic promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and the use of violence or coercion to compel any person to participate in sexual conduct. The publication contains one illustrated story of a young school boy who is initiated into sexual activity by his female teacher following the revelation that he had taken on the persona of his dead sister to comfort his parents in their grief. The boy later dreams he is his dead sister and is forced into sexual activity by two adult men. The explicit language and detailed illustrations very strongly present this narrative to the reader. The comic presents these scenarios as entertaining and arousing for the reader with both the sexually explicit nature of the story itself, as well as the boy being presented as desirous of such sexual activity.

Section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) does not apply to this publication because it has been determined that s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 applies. This provision overrides the NZBR Act because it is a deeming provision which cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms of the NZBR Act.

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